

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)
	) NO. 3:21-cr-5213-RSM
Plaintiff,	)
v.	) ORDER APPOINTING
	) RUSSELL M. AOKI AS
KENDLE RASHEN HAWKINS,	) COORDINATING
	) DISCOVERY ATTORNEY
Defendant.	)
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The Government has filed a notice that *United States v. Hawkins*, CR21-05213-RSM is related to the following cases, which have been assigned to this Court: *United States v. Calvert-Majors, et al.*, CR21-053 RSM; *United States v. Lumumba-Olabisi, et al.*, CR21-056 RSM; *United States v. Snipes, et al.*, CR21-057 RSM; *United States v. McGee, et al.*, CR21-058 RSM; *United States v. Clemente*, CR 21-063 RSM; *United States v. Jordan*, CR21-064 RSM; *United States v. Arambula et al.*, CR21-107 RSM; *United States v. Moreno Aguirre et al.*, CR21-108 RSM.

The Government states this matter stems from the same investigation as the related cases and will involve largely the same evidence. Russell M. Aoki has been appointed as the Coordinating Discovery Attorney (CDA) to help defense counsel with the discovery management for all the matters except this one. The Government has asked the CDA to provide discovery to court-appointed counsel. The CDA has confirmed with Defendant Hawkins' defense counsel that he wants the CDA to be

1 appointed to this case to distribute discovery and help him manage the voluminous  
2 discovery.

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4 It is hereby **ORDERED** that Russell M. Aoki is appointed as Coordinating  
5 Discovery Attorney for court-appointed defense counsel for Defendant Hawkins.

6 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall oversee any discovery issues  
7 common to Defendant Hawkins and all defendants of the related cases. His  
8 responsibilities will include:  
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- 10 • Managing and, unless otherwise agreed upon with the Government,  
11 distributing discovery produced by the Government and relevant third-  
12 party information common to all defendants;
- 13 • Assessing the amount and type of case data to determine what types of  
14 technology should be evaluated and used so duplicative costs are avoided  
15 and the most efficient and cost-effective methods are identified;
- 16 • Acting as a liaison with federal prosecutors to ensure the timely and  
17 effective exchange of discovery;
- 18 • Identifying, evaluating, and engaging third-party vendors and other  
19 litigation support services;
- 20 • Assessing the needs of individual parties and further identifying any  
21 additional vendor support that may be required—including copying,  
22 scanning, forensic imaging, data processing, data hosting, trial  
23 presentation, and other technology depending on the nature of the case;
- 24 • Identifying any additional human resources that the individual parties may  
25 need for the organization and substantive review of information; and
- 26 • Providing training and support services to the defense teams as a group and  
27 individually.  
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1 When executing these responsibilities, the Coordinating Discovery Attorney  
2 shall assess the most effective and cost-efficient methods to organize the discovery  
3 with input from defense counsel.  
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5 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney's duties do not include providing  
6 representation services and, therefore, will not be establishing an attorney-client  
7 relationship with the defendant. Discovery intended for the counsel of a specific  
8 defendant and not to be shared among all defense counsel of the related cases shall be  
9 produced by the Government directly to defense counsel. Discovery issues specific to  
10 Defendant Hawkins shall be addressed by defense counsel directly with the  
11 Government and not through the Coordinating Discovery Attorney.  
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14 Any additional discovery not already produced shall be provided directly to  
15 the Coordinating Discovery Attorney, who shall duplicate and distribute the  
16 discovery to defense counsel unless the Government elects to produce discovery  
17 directly to defense counsel with a simultaneous copy to the Coordinating Discovery  
18 Attorney. The Government shall work with the Coordinating Discovery Attorney to  
19 provide discovery in a timely manner.  
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22 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall petition this Court, *ex parte*, for  
23 funds for outside services and shall monitor all vendor invoices for these services,  
24 including confirming the work previously agreed to be performed. However, the  
25 Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Defender Services Office will pay for his  
26 time and the time spent by his staff. All petitions for outside services shall include a  
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1 basis for the requested funds and a determination that the costs of the services are  
2 reasonable.

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4 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall also provide this Court with  
5 monthly *ex parte* status reports depicting the status of work and whether that work  
6 remains within the budget of any funds authorized by the Court, with the copy  
7 provided to defense counsel.

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9 DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022

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13 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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